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**RAJYA SABHA**

(iv) A close coordination between Service provider and investigating agencies is maintained to book the offenders.

**PBX Services in Bangalore**

1732. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Karnataka Telecom Centre propose to launch PBX services in Bangalore;

(b) if so, which are the cities in the country offering such services;

(c) the number of organisations which have come forward to utilise the above services in Bangalore; and

(d) by when the above services would be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Sir, PBX Services are already available throughout the country, including Bangalore in Karnataka circle. This service is made available on BSNL and MTNL Networks to all the organisations, offices, individulas whoever apply for the same.

(d) Does not arise

**Losses to MTNL Due to Faulty Mechanical Device**

1733. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Coin pay phones cannot be successful", appearing in the Statesman dated the 1st June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are losing substantial revenue due to the faulty mechanical device of the telephone instruments as it is very simple to get back the coin by tieing a string to the coin; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to modify the instrument in such a way that once the coin is dropped it could not be pulled out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have